

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN DIVISION

LARRY EDENFIELD,

Plaintiff,

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VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:21-1905-MGL-KFM

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting Commissioner of
the Social Security Administration,
Defendant.

Defendant.

## ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AND REVERSING AND REMANDING THE CASE FOR FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

This is a Social Security appeal in which Plaintiff Larry Edenfield seeks judicial review of the final decision of Defendant Kilolo Kijakazi (Kijakazi) denying his claim for supplemental security income benefits. The matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge suggesting Kijakazi's decision be reversed and remanded for further administrative proceedings as discussed in the Report. The Magistrate Judge filed the Report in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may

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accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or

recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on February 15, 2022, and Kijakazi filed a reply on

February 17, 2022, stating she would not be filing any objections to the Report. "[I]n the absence

of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must 'only

satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the

recommendation." Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005)

(quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee's note). Moreover, a failure to object waives

appellate review. Wright v. Collins, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985).

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set

forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment

of the Court Kijakazi's decision is REVERSED and this case is REMANDED for further

administrative proceedings as discussed in the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 28th day of March, 2022, in Columbia, South Carolina.

/s/ Mary Geiger Lewis

MARY GEIGER LEWIS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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